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Pat majored in political science, was editor of The Tatler, the weekly student newspaper, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of New Rochelle (CNR) in 1973. After earning a Master of Science degree from the Columbia Journalism School in 1975, she was a reporter and editor at the Gannett Westchester Newspapers for 11 years. She switched to part-time work as a freelance writer and an adjunct professor of journalism at Pace University and Iona College while her two children were young. Pat returned to full-time work in 1990 as director of communications for the NY State Education Department and in 1994 became district director for Congresswoman Nita Lowey in Westchester and Rockland counties. For the next 26 and a half years, she supervised constituent services and community outreach in two district offices. She retired when the Congresswoman retired from public service, in January 2021.

Pat, a proud member of this year's 50th reunion class, has been an active alum, serving as President and a board member of the Alumni Association, a class officer and now a member of the CNR Legacy Council, its Communications/Newsletter Committee and her class reunion committee.